About *Satellite 4*

Satellite 4 is a broad-based convention featuring talks, panel discussions, games, and quizzes on different aspects of the genre including science fiction, fantasy, literature, TV and films, (space) science and fandom itself. We will have a real ale bar, art show, and dealers' room, and propose to have several evening functions, including a civic reception, ceilidh, disco, and costume ball.

For up-to-date news, see our website: **www.satellite4.org.uk**
or follow us on Facebook: **Satellite Conventions**
and Twitter: **@SatelliteCons**

The Oort Crowd (aka Convention Committee)

Satellite 4 is being organised by some of the people who ran previous Satellite conventions, augmented by well-established conrunners:

Chair	Michael Davidson
Vice-chair	Fran Dowd (The Sofa)
Programme/Guest Liaison	Christine Davidson
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Our Guests of Honour

John Meaney

John's first book *To Hold Infinity* was one of *The Daily Telegraph*'s Books of the Year in 2006. He now has ten books in print covering four series. John writes SF, fantasy and near future thrillers (under the pseudonym Thomas Blackthorne). He studied physics and computer science, and worked as an IT professional, before turning to writing full time. He holds a black belt in Shotokan karate.

Juliet E McKenna

Juliet is a fantasy author living in Oxfordshire. She originally studied Greek and Roman history and literature. This is reflected in the realism that she brings to her work. She currently has 13 novels in four series in print. Juliet regularly teaches classes in writing and is part of The Write Fantastic. She is also know for her fan activities, and is chair of Eightsquared.

Jim Burns

Jim Burns has been a professional SF artist since 1972. He has won the Hugo three times and BSFA awards 12 times. His work is instantly recognisable and adorns many SF book covers including those of fellow GoH John Meaney. He produced the famous *Spaceport Glasgow* picture for *Interaction*. Although a regular fixture at Eastercons, he has never been GoH… until now!

Alice and Steve Lawson

Alice and Steve are well-known SF fans. Both have won the Doc Weir Award, Alice in 2010 and Steve in 2006. They were on numerous committees, including *LX*, *Paragon I* and *II*, *Illumination*, *Intuition*, and *Interaction*. Alice is the Deputy Chair of the London in 2014 Worldcon bid. Steve invented the double sided membership badge. Alice is also known as the only one who can keep Steve in line!

Special Guest: Sir Terry Pratchett

Sir Terry has written 39 best-selling *Discworld* Books. His awards include an OBE, the Carnegie medal, eight honorary doctorates and the World Fantasy Award for lifetime achievement. His books have been adapted for radio, television, theatre, games and music. As is well known, Sir Terry suffers from early onset Alzheimer's disease. He will be joining us for a limited time, subject to health.

(All information accurate as of April 2012)

The Hotel

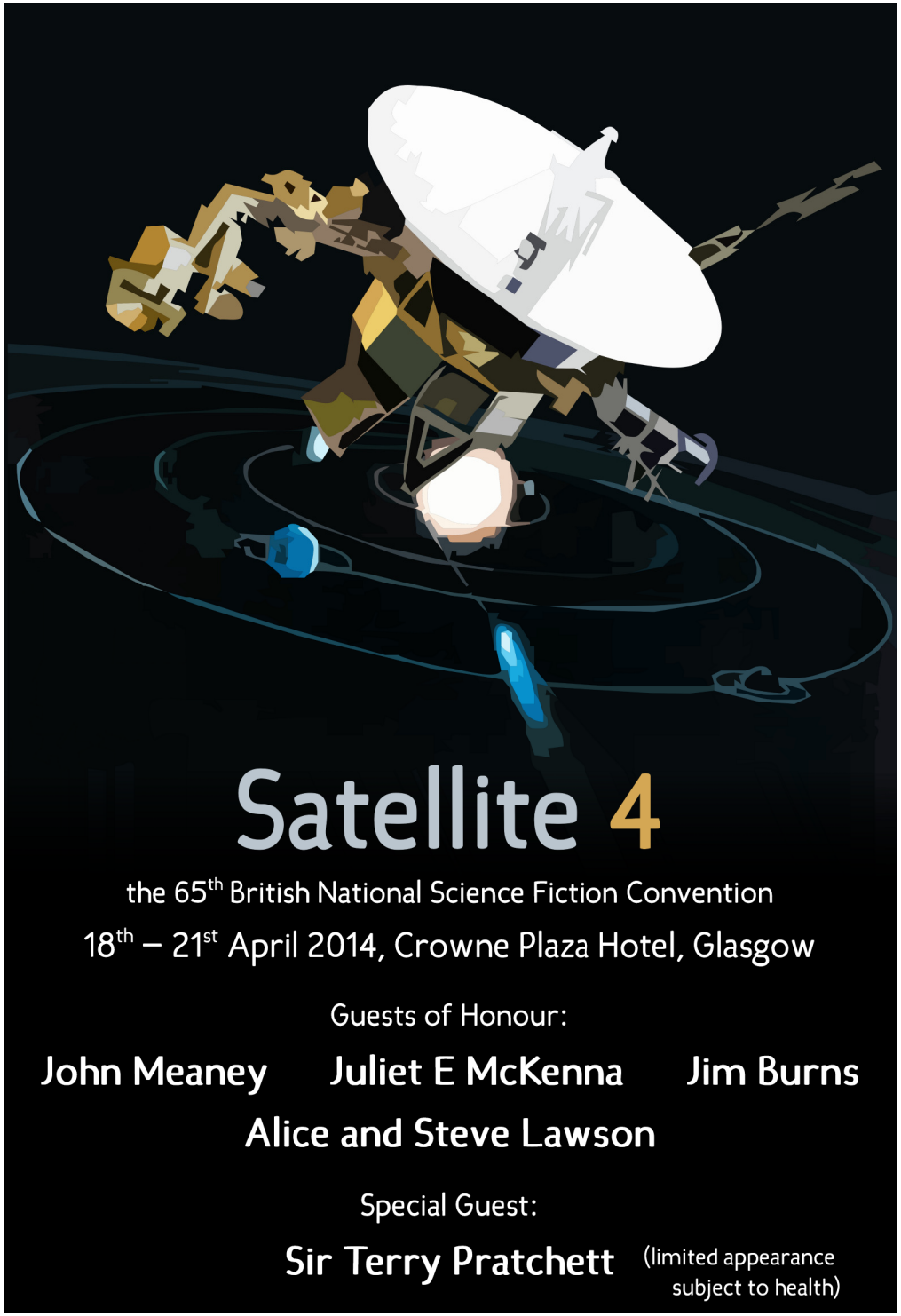
The Convention will take place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Congress Road, Glasgow G3 8QT. The hotel is situated about two miles from Glasgow City Centre and beside the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre. The hotel is familiar to SF fans, having hosted the 2006 Eastercon, *Concussion*, and was the principal hotel for both the 1995 Worldcon, *Intersection*, and the 2005 Worldcon, *Interaction*. In addition it was, of course, the hotel for *Satellite 2* in 2009. For further information see **www.crowneplazaglasgow.co.uk**

Bedroom booking is not open yet — but special room rates have been negotiated for convention members: £105 for Twins/Doubles, £80 for Singles; both per room per night including breakfast.

We are in negotiation with two other Hotels on site — the Campanile and the Hilton Garden Inn — for overflow accommodation.

Glasgow

Glasgow is a vibrant cosmopolitan city with a fine range of bars, restaurants, theatres, parks, museums and art galleries. It provides an excellent based for exploring the spectacular Scottish scenery, and for day trips to Edinburgh, Stirling and Burns country. For further information see **www.seeglasgow.com**

Transport

Glasgow can easily be reached by road, (budget) airline from most major UK and European airports, and by rail. The convention hotel is less than 0.5 mile from Junction 19 of the M8, about 8 miles from Glasgow Airport, and a short train ride from Glasgow Central Station.